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"From some inquiries which I had made among the domestics, I learnt that his heart (which I had thought possible to be mine) was irrevocably given to the fair Bianca, daughter of Baptista Buonaventuro, an old merchant of Florence—and that, in a few days, he was to set out for Syracuse to claim

friend, to hear me tell the story of the which has cursed me here, and whither. After these words, he came out, Bianca, my beloved, where the fatal love which had fed upon flame upon a living sacrifice, even in that hour, burnt sensibly in my heart, and prompted by that miserable and the love of him and of life, would

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The value of Catskill was chiefly settled by the Dutch, and the house of Mynsher was the principal place of resort for the Van Bunkelings and Van Ordens and Van Der Speigels, the neighborhood to smoke their pipes and back their jokes of long winter evenings before their peaceful country was overrun by the Yankees, who have swarmed over the once happy region like the locusts of Egypt, equally hungry and destructive. It was worthy host of huge dimensions, whose eye has described, who was so grievously taken in once on a time in an encounter of wits with one of those keen eyed cunning Yankees, who frown over the countryside on tin carts, with bags of feathers or so other "noises," for their cushions. Always sporting and bantering between Myer and Jonathan, who had shown off so common slight of hand tricks with cards, to the great astonishment of the "puns" who were looking on; he, that is, said Jonathan, declared that he could show his robustness best! Notwithstanding that Jonathan had already played off so good people exceedingly, yet this assertion was taken great a mouthful for them to swallow, if the pedlar could. A bet sufficient to moisten the throats of the whole company was the consequence between the warring parties, though the landlord in proposing it, had no idea that his customer would accept, when, as he supposed, he must be certain of losing. Jonathan then directed that Mynsher should be divested of his coat and boots, and be stretched longitudinally on the old oaken table which had stood in the bar-room for half a century. These arrangements having been made, Jonathan maliciously seized upon the honest landlord's party great toe, which he pressed most violently between his teeth, giving the good man a twinge which caused writhing movements and a groan. "Dunder and blixem!" exclaimed Mynsher: "vat te tell do yo pite the vor!" "Why you darned great fool," said Jonathan, "You didn't think I was going to swallow you whole, did you?" A burst of laughter proclaimed Jonathan the victor, and Mynsher had to surrender.

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Reacts.—It was a very proper movement on his part when, any man should be frightened with danger; that it was a good thing that some bold spirit could take the lead in any beautiful object; that so much was done for the right of all men, that it is no wonder that he was not to be blamed with it.—*Chronicler.*

